

**REDISTRICTING COMMISSION FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, August 11, 2011, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Council Conference Room, 7:10 pm to 8:00 pm

**PRESENT**

**Commissioners:** Lee Annis; Cherri Branson; Henry Kahwaty; Jonathan Shurberg; Don Spence; Jason Tai; Patti Jo Witham

**Staff:** Jeff Zyontz and Susan Mabie, Council Staff; Pamela Zorich and Jay Mukherjee, M-NCPPC; Sara Harris, Board of Elections Staff

**Public Observers:** Barbra Hankins, League of Women Voters; Dale Tibbitts, Councilmember Elrich's Staff

**Agenda:**

- 1) Approval of minutes
- 2) Discussion – testimony submitted at Commission's hearing
- 3) Discussion – proposed redistricting maps
- 4) Opportunity for public comment

**Action:**

- 1) The minutes from the Commission's meeting of May 26, 2011 were approved.
- 2) It was noted that Commissioner Jacqueline Phillips was absent due a medical situation – a speaker phone was set up for her participation but the phone failed to provide adequate sound.
- 3) The comments made during the Commission's public forum were noted in the minutes of May 26, 2011.
- 4) Commissioner Spence and Commissioner Kahwaty presented their redistricting proposals.
- 5) The Chair suggested, without objection, a public hearing on the 2 redistricting proposals, with a Commission voting session a week after the hearing. It was noted that the map proposals could be modified due to comments at the public hearing or the discussion of the Commissioners thereafter.

**Requests:**

- 1) The maps and statistics will be posted on the Redistricting Commission website no later than Monday, August 15, 2011.
- 2) Commissioner Spence and Commissioner Kahwaty will be prepared to introduce their map proposals at the public hearing.
- 3) Jeff Zyontz will distribute a draft Commission report, without a map proposal, by August 29, 2011.

**Next Meetings:**

September 1, 2011, 7:00 pm public hearing  
September 8, 2011, 7:00 pm voting meeting